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Hongkong, September 2, 1880.

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Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

ARRIVALS.

Sept. 14, *Gaelic*, British steamer, 1712, Kidder, San Francisco Aug. 17, and Yokohama Sept. 7, General—O. & S. S. Co.

Sept. 14, *Conquest*, British steamer, 318, T. H. Hamlin, Haiphong Sept. 11, 2 p.m., and Pakhoi 12, 2 30 p.m. (General—SHUN HANG).

Sept. 14, *Louisa*, German 3-m. steamer, 240, H. Schleier, Toulon Sept. 4, General—EDWARD SCHLEIERS & CO.

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Sept. 14, *Tremachis*, for Amoy & Shanghai.

14, *Lure*, for Newchwang.

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14, *Malacca*, for Amoy & Yihama.

14, *Aria*, for London, &c.

14, *Stenor* for Yokohama.

14, *Ramadella*, for Manila.

14, *Chinkiang*, for Shanghai.

CLEARING.

Hainan, for Halimonde, New York.

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Keppel, for Nanchang.

Meeteo, for Hongkong.

Meeteo, for Bangkok.

Chateaubriand, for Newchwang.

PAINTEREIN.

Verde, for Halimonde.

Per Diamond, from Manila, Meeteo & Co., H. H. Murray, F. J. Edgar, Julio Alvarez, Manuel Romero, 1 European deck, and 100 Chinese.

Per Meeth, from Melbourne, Mrs Arthur and chi d., and 47 Chinese.

Per Gothic, from San Francisco, Messrs I. T. Macleod, and Alfred Rose, and 207 Chinese; from Yokohama, Mr A. J. Lewis, Mr and Mrs Macaulay, Mr A. H. Albert, and 1 Chinese.

Per Adina, from Bombay, 90 Chinese.

Per Onyx, from Haiphong, 38 Chinese.

DEPARTURES.

Per Volga, for Yokohama, from Hongkong, Mr Ote, from Marseilles, Messrs Ta-kaki Itabashi, Amati, and G. Tonche; from Nagasaki, Messrs Imamura, Vigan, Mozu, and Odette; and Goross; from Singapore, Mr G. Feale.

Per Fransaudy, for Shanghai; from Hongkong, Sir Samuel and Lady Baker and servant, Mr J. M. Intyre, Mrs Von Corbach and old; from Marseilles, Messrs Te-Via de Semalle, Fouquin, Yang Shohong, Reva, Mengniet, Al ff. U. Morroli, Bosut, and Bosat, and Mr Lassere.

Per Stenor, for Yokohama, Mr J. S. Edge.

Per Asia for London, 1 Chinese.

Per Esmeralda, for Manila, 110 Chinese.

Per Chinkiang for Shanghai, 56 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Diamond* reports:

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G. R. LAMMERT, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, Sept. 14, 1880. — 16

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

ON

THURSDAY,

the 14th September, at 11 o'clock a.m., at Messrs LANDSTEIN & Co.'s Godowns, Wanchai.

For account of whom it may concern,

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THE CHINA MAIL.

an encouraging compliment to the worthy M. L. C. did the community in some way mark their sense of the great services he has rendered them during the last few years of his residence here. His position as head of the leading Mercantile house in China has necessarily placed him well forward in all public movements; but it is not in that sense we suggest that special note should be taken of his sturdy advocacy of the rights of residents. Were an address to be drawn up, expressing the greatest confidence in Mr Kewell and the strongest sympathy with him in his efforts on the public behalf, we are confident that it would be signed largely and readily by those belonging to every class of the community.

It is reported that the British Commissioner at Honolulu has caused the arrest of Henry Freeman, agent of the Hawaiian Government, on the charge that he was engaged in slave trade in the South Seas. Mr Freeman has been released on bail. He is the agent of the Government to procure "cheap labor" in the Pacific Islands. It is said that the natives engaged from the several South Sea Islands to work on the Hawaiian sugar plantations are really enlisted under false promises into a most ingenuous system of slavery. It is hinted that force has sometimes been used in order to get the natives. The interference of the British Government in this traffic, which is claimed to be really a slave trade, will compel action in the matter on the part of our own Government.—American paper.

A Router's telegram circulated in Shanghai this afternoon (8th) states, says the *Mercury*, that the difficulty is settled, and a Treaty will be signed at Peking. Router is perhaps in the prophetic vein; he is quite safe in saying a Treaty will be signed in Peking, but it can hardly be claimed that this is news. Router telegraphed it on the 1st September, that is, that negotiations would be carried on at Peking, and we are inclined to think that nothing more is meant. At any rate our readers will recall that the terms of Chung How's treaty are said by our Peking correspondent to have been signified by telegraph from Peking before it was signed, so it remains to be seen what the Chinese authorities at Peking will do. We have no doubt that they will make a treaty of peace and not go to war, but for all that, we think Router's information is entirely plausible, though it may be that the two countries are going to Peking to negotiate, the war cut out for them is not put out and dried. However, all Shanghai believes the business is all amicably settled, as they always thought it would be. Then comes the question of indemnity for the expenses Russia has been put to, and the raising of a foreign loan to pay it.

ALTHOUGH our stately Cathedral is a work of later years, still the exertions of the Pilgrim Fathers of nigh two-score years ago, merely laid the foundations of the present fabric. Passing from the church to the clergyman, hardly anyone is so bound up in the interests of Shanghai as its Dean. From the sympathies, so to speak, of the public weekday life, we find the same earnest and hearty efforts assisting at a multifarious list of tasks. At the Temperance Hall, Library, Asiatic Benevolent and other Societies, and last—but not least, the Hospital, one and all severally claim his attention. Each will miss the kindly advice, besides the warm and sympathising friend. "The foreign community of Shanghai changes rapidly and often," quote his own words at the unveiling of the Margary Memorial. Looking in the vista of the past, where a year presents but a link extending over a chain of 16 years; changes imperceptibly take place; but towards the future, the gap to be formed by a twelve-month will be harder to look or bridge over. Finally, in writing the Dean a pleasant voyage home, I send him my best regards, and, among all the close of a well-juged holiday, recruited in health, is, we venture to say, not the sincere wish of only a section but of every one in the foreign community of Shanghai—*Mercury*.

Thus sensibly writes the N. C. D. *News*:—
There are clouds not a few in the sky for China, but still she has had one trustworthy adviser at least. The one single-minded counsellor who has dared, like Vauban at the Court of Louis XIV, to tell the truth about the position of affairs, is Col. Gordon People may ridiculed his phraseology. There may be an unscrupulous traitor left in the mouth by his Puritan language, but like "the servant of the Lord with his Bible and his sword" he presents to this epoch of compromise and dislocation a high ideal of manhood and honour. It is probable that the severest trial on our public men of political notoriety in the whole simple truth presents himself in the midst of us; he is discredited and regarded as a fanatic. Peoples are accustomed to have their diplomatic fare set up to them disguised with all the arts of phraseology and finesse, and a plain statement of facts like that which Colonel Gordon left as his last legacy to China is not valued as it should be.

He is a military scheme of the highest order of ability put into the easiest words, so that a child may understand it; and therefore it is spoken of slightly, and its author is believed to have some subtle underplot, some subterranean designs, which the veil of bluntness is to cover. In truth China has had a glimpse of a foreign adviser whose code of morals dwarfs that which the world holds, and the world does not understand him.

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual general meeting of the Hongkong Cricket Club was held in the Hongkong Club this evening at six o'clock. There was only a small attendance. On the motion of Mr Hydes, Mr A. C. Coxon took the chair.

The accounts had already been placed in the hands of the members: the balance at credit was \$603.90. The cash-book with details was laid on the table for inspection.

The Chairman said: It is now my pleasure to offer to those members whose play has afforded us gratification and contributed to the success of the Club the usual presentations. And, I may here remark that from the heavy scoring we have been obliged to raise the standard to at least 70 runs in a first class match for a presentation bat, 100 runs for the second, and 1,000 for the third; or we stood a chance of being a ruined community. I have the pleasure of presenting, Lieut. Friend, R.E., with a bat for the best batting average, and one for 107 runs against the West Indies. Mr O'Connor gave one for 105 runs. Mr T. C. Coxon, for 100. Mr Hydes, for 157, not yet against the officers of the Army and Navy, and as third for the greatest number of runs scored for the Club last season; but, the usual reduction on taking a quantity is made in his case and

we let him off with two.

Mr W. Dunmar receives a bat for 77, against the 27th Innings, and another for his fine innings of 118 not out against the officers of the Army and Navy. Mr de Courcy Forber gets a bat for 80 runs made for the Old Residents in their annual contest against the New Comers. Mr A. K. Travers gets one for 72 runs v. the Inniskillings. Mr Hynes gets one for 95 runs for Over Thirty and Under Thirty. The Secretary is also entitled to both rewards for bowling, having taken the greatest number of wickets in first class matches, and having the best average. He is therefore to be presented with two new bats.

The second defendant said that she was carrying two buckets of pig's-wash, in company with the first defendant, when she was arrested, for no reason whatever.

The prisoners were committed for trial.

(Before the Hon. M. S. Tonnochy.)

LARCENY & A JACKET.

Mak Ayau was charged with the larceny of a jacket on the 13th, which he admitted, having been convicted on August 21st, of the present year, for being at large in the streets at night without a pass, and for four months' imprisonment with hard labour.

The Hon. Secretary stated, in reply to Captain Deane, that the Season would open on the first Friday in October with the usual match of the First Eleven v. the next Twenty-two.

The Hon. Secretary stated that in future tennis players would not be allowed to use the Court belonging to the Club unless they wore lawn-tennis shoes. So that no one might lose a match, shoes should be provided on the ground. But it was hoped all would provide their own shoes.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the proceedings.

AN OFFICIAL CURIOSITY.

The following official document is printed in the *Gazette* just issued, although it bears date two days subsequently. It is one of those bits of correspondence which is more likely to be preserved for the characteristics it displays than for the honour which it reflects upon the writer:—

His Honour the Chief Justice, Sir John Smale, to the Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary,

The Supreme Court, Hongkong, 13th Sept., 1880.

Sir,—I beg to ask you to communicate to His Excellency the Governor the expression of my regret that I did not attend the Meeting of the Legislative Council, which it was my duty to have attended.

I received the notice convening the Meeting in Court attending to the arguments in a most important case. I glanced at it, and assuming that it was a continued Finance Committee Meeting, I gave no further thought to it, as it had been considered.

Defendant said, he beat his wife because she did not come to the junk when he tow her. He admitted that he knew that she was sick.

Magistrate sentenced the defendant to nine months' imprisonment with hard labour.

ASSAULT.

Lai Achi and Lai Afat, were charged with assaulting the complainant, Lai Apu, a watchman, on the 11th instant, at the Lok Theatre, which they had attempted to enter without a ticket, on the previous night, and had then been turned away.

Defendants were ordered to find security in £10 each to be of good behaviour, in default to be committed.

LARCENY.

Tsung Alin, for larceny of wood on the 13th instant, was sentenced to fourteen days' imprisonment with hard labour.

CORRESPONDENCE.

"FORWARD HO!"

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL," September 14.

SIR,—Attention is called to your contemporary to the extensive pieces of land held by the Gas Works, which have remained for so many years an obstacle to the great improvements our active Surveyor General purposed carrying out in that much-neglected district. As the jobbery in connection with this valuable property is not generally known, it may be of interest to make the matter public. Briefly, by the conditions attached to the sale of the land it was clearly specified that the purchaser should build a Fraya Wall when called upon by the Surveyor General to do so; these terms involved a somewhat large and uncertain outlay, the bidders were few, and consequently the land was sold at a nominal price; time passed and the purchaser is required to fulfil his contract and build the Sea Wall, but instead of doing this he calls on Sir Arthur Kennedy, and lets flow an endless stream of blubberly terms, which completely move the soft heart of Sir Arthur, and the interested supplicant is exonerated from this portion of his contracts. If such terms are to prove as costly to the colony, it may be well to let contracts be made out in future stating the mode of getting off will be shortly afterwards.

Another witness, a bricklayer, gave evidence to the effect that about the hour above named he was walking with a friend, a boatman, on the Fraya Central, near the Central Market, when he saw the two prisoners, who were carrying pig's-wash, leading the child between them; the child was crying. The bricklayer suspected something was wrong and followed them to the Parade Ground, where the child was down on the ground and refused to go further. Both prisoners told the child not to cry and said that they were going to take her back to her mother, and that she must have rice to eat. The prisoners then alleged to have been decoyed, and proceeded eastward. Witness then met a lung and told him all he had seen and heard. They then followed the prisoners to the Tai Wong Temple, where the women, seeing a small girl about, and that they suspected that something was wrong, the soft heart of Sir Arthur, and the interested supplicant is exonerated from this portion of his contracts.

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PUBLIC WELFARE.

The Hon. F. STEWART, Acting Colonial Secretary.

Police Intelligence.

(Before the Hon. Ng Choy.)

Tuesday, Sept. 14.

DECROYING.

The case in which Wung Alin and Chau Amo, two women, belonging to Hongkong, were charged with decoying a girl named Kwai Chung, 12 years of age, from her house, on the 8th instant, was again before the Court.

On the previous day when this case was before the Court, the mother of the girl alleged to have been decoyed was examined, to show that she later took the child out for a walk about 8 o'clock in the morning of the 8th; while her aunt was engaged in conversation with some friends whom she met, the girl got lost, and her aunt missed her shortly afterwards.

If the Attorney General has not been consulted on the legality of the late Governor's action in this matter, it might be for the public welfare that he should, and the sooner the better.

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NEWS BY THE AMERICAN MAIL.

LONDON TELEGRAMS.

London, Aug. 13.—"The Times" Paris correspondent thus summarises the course materials will take:—"The Montenegrin question will be settled on the basis of Count Corvin's scheme. The naval demonstration will be suspended. The Powers will mediate between Turkey and Greece. There will be negotiations regarding Janina, which the Turks will not cede at any price, but which will imperatively demand the cession of Meisze, with the support of the Powers."

In the House of Commons to-night, Mr O'Connor Power called attention to the medical reports in regard to the condition of the fever-stricken districts in Mayo and other parts of the west of Ireland, and moved a resolution that it was essential the effective sanitary arrangements be immediately made.

The girl, Kwai-wang Tsing, was the next witness, and said she was the daughter of the first witness and was 9 years old. She went out with her aunt, Kwai-ki Akui, and lost sight of her while out and missed the way. She began to cry, when the first prisoner came up and said, "Come with us to our house and eat rice, we have plenty of children to play with you." By-and-bye your mother will come for you." Second prisoner also asked defendant to go with them. Prisoners then took her by the hand and led her along the street.

Afterwards when the police were coming the prisoners let go her hands, and she was then taken to the Police Station by a constable. She was not willing to go with the prisoners, but they took her by the hands and led her away. Witness cried all the way and was very much frightened.

Mr Power accepted Mr Forster's resolution, which was then agreed to.

Aug. 14.—A Times despatch from Capetown says: "Since, the Basuto chief, has

been shot dead by the Boers.

Aug. 14.—In consequence of a telegram from the Government of

Capetown, the 4,000 brave referred to

were shipping in two China Merchant's steamers. They are described as not know-

ing one end of a gun from another, and

merely food for powder.

We hear of sundry changes in R. G. M.'s Consular Service. Mr W. R. Car's who is at present in Chefoo on leave is to remain there in charge, Mr Gardner who had been in Chefoo for seven years, gone home to tea, and Mr W. D. Spence who had been ordered for Chefoo, is now to go to Ichang as Acting Consul in the place of Mr Waterson.

Admiral Lessowsky, who is a gentleman of about 60 years of age, leaves by the next steamer for Japan. Capt. Novosilsky is his chief of the staff. Mr Poggio, was formerly Secretary of Legation at Peking, whence he went home 22 years; he is now attached to the diplomatic mission of the Admiralty; this proves that the latter has full powers to negotiate with the Chinese.

H. E. Li Hung Chang has gone for a tour of inspection of the Eastern Coast of the Gulf. It is thought by some that Talien Wan, and by others that Arthur Bay, will be made the chief naval port of the Gulf of Pechili.

A son of H. E. Li Hung Chang arrived

from Tientsin last Saturday.

A correspondent writes us from Tientsin, Asia, State, "Troops are daily arriving and leaving for the North."

The "tando" upon Messrs Blain & Co.'s house was raised two or three days ago apparently; ten mutes having been sent in.

The Tactial and Obese of Shanghai will be changed in about two months, their term of five expire.

We hear of a case of squeezing China

to the extent of £1,000,000 by the Mandarins, who had him arrested and taken into the city without any examination at the Mixed Court. One of the Consulates, we understand, is intervening, as the Chinaman had bad business relations with one of the Consul's nationals. We also hear that the Chehuan is to be degraded by the Tactial in spite of his having the approval of the British Consul.

A Funeral Sermon was preached at the Union Chapel in memory of the late Edmund Whistley, Harbour Master, of Ningpo. The Chapel was crowded, and amongst the congregation were a number of sailors belated to the different Good Templar Lodges, and Temperance Societies, many of them serving black caps on their arms. Rev. Mr Muirhead took his text from Gen. 5: 24 versus, and spoke of the many good qualities of Mr Whistley, his efforts to spread the cause of Christianity and Temperance.

H. E. Mr von Bülow, the Russian Minister at Peking, has been ordered to return there immediately. The conduct of negotiations will be left entirely to Peking, and it will be left for the Minister there to declare war, if necessary. No Russian ultimatum has ever been sent, and the Liadiva Treaty will be firmly adhered to, unless territory be restored against increased trading facilities. Probably an indemnity for the enormous expenses Russia has been put to will be a condition.

R. A. Mowat, Esq., Assistant Judge of H. B. M. Supreme Court, who has been for the last eighteen months on leave in Europe, may be expected here early in October. Mr Hugo, Consul for that port, is due about the same time.

A great deal of malignancy seems to be uttered in the rumour of Li Hung-chang to go to Peking when ordered.

We are under the impression that Li Hung-chang refused to do so on previous occasions. On the occasion when he did go till about three years ago—when he was made First Grand Secretary, he did not go till after some delicate negotiations. He required the Gates of Peking and of the Imperial City to be held by his own soldiers as long as he was inside. He took a whole army with him and the Gates were held by his troops to the exclusion of the Imperial Guards as long as he was inside. It is hardly likely that he would now obey any off-hand summons of the kind, without taking some measures for his personal security.

The Chinese Government have become

alive to the fact that their Capital can be easily approached by a hostile force in the direction of Moukden.

They are accordingly concentrated a force of 40,000 men, to be under the command of Sanjo, who is to be the head of the privy councillors at the private residence of his excellency Sanjo, to consult on what are supposed to be matters of vital importance.

The press and people are kept in much total ignorance of the business of the nation, however, that, for all they know to the contrary, the privy councillors may have simply been invited to dine with his excellency Sanjo.

The Government are evidently intending

to pursue a different course of action with the leading malcontents in the provinces who clamour for the establishment of a National Assembly than they have done hitherto.

THE CHINA MAIL.

[No. 5360.—SEPTEMBER 14, 1880.]

Intimations.

THE CHINA REVIEW.

THE widely-expressed regret at the discontinuance of *Notes & Queries* on China and Japan, has induced the publishers of this journal to issue a publication similar in object and style, but slightly modified in certain details.

The CHINA REVIEW, or Notes and Queries on the Far East, is issued at intervals of two months, each number containing about 60 octavo pages, occasionally illustrated with lithographs, photographs, woodcuts, &c., should the papers published demand, and the circulation justify, such extra matter.

The subscription is fixed at £6.50 postage paid per annum, payable by non-residents in Hongkong half yearly in advance.

The publication includes papers original and selected upon the Arts and Sciences, Ethnology, Folklore, Geography, History, Literature, Mythology, Manners and Customs, Natural History, Religion, &c., &c., of China, Japan, Mongolia, Tibet, the Eastern Archipelago, and the "Far East" generally. A more detailed list of subjects upon which contributions are especially invited is incorporated with each number. Original contributions in Chinese, Latin, French, German, Spanish, Italian or Portuguese, are admissible. Endeavours are made to present a résumé in each number of the contents of the most recent works bearing on Chinese matters. Great attention is also paid to the Review department.

Notes and Replies are classified together as "Notes" (head references being given, when furnished, to previous Notes or Queries), are also those queries which though asking for information, furnish new or unpublishable facts concerning the matter in hand. It is desirable to make the Queries proper as brief and as much to the point as possible.

The China Review for July and August, 1876, is at hand. It says that forty-two essays were sent in to compete for the best paper on the advantages of Christianity for the development of a state. All our learned societies should subscribe to this scholarly and enterprising Review. It is a sixty page, bi-monthly, repository of what scholars are investigating about China. The lecture on Chinese Poetry in this volume is alone worth the price of the Review. Address China Review, Hongkong.—Northern Christian Advocate (U.S.).

Tristan's Oriental Record contains the following notice of the China Review:—"This is the title of a publication, the first number of which has lately reached us from Hongkong, where it has been set on foot in some respects continuation of *Notes and Queries* on China and Japan, the extinction of which useful serial a year or two ago has been much regretted in Europe, as well as in China. The present publication, judging by the number of its pages, is intended to occupy a position, as regards China and the neighbouring countries, somewhat similar to that which has been filled in India by the Calcutta Review. The great degree of attention that has been bestowed of late years upon the investigation of Chinese literature, antiquities, and social developments, to say nothing of linguistic studies, has led to the accumulation of important stores of information, rendering some such channel of publicity as is now provided extremely desirable; and contributions of much interest may fairly be looked for from the members of the foreign consular service, the Chinese Customs corps, and the missionary body, among whom a high degree of Chinese scholarship is now abundantly cultivated, and who are severally represented in the first number of the Review by papers highly creditable to their respective authors. In a paper on Dr. Legge's *The King*, by the Rev. E. J. Etel, to which the place of honour is deservedly given, an excellent summary is presented of the more distinguished and original researches involved in connection with this important work, accompanied by translations from Chinese novels and plays, marked by both accuracy and freshness of style; and an account of the career of the Chinese post-statesman of the eleventh century, Su Tung-p'o, by Mr. E. G. Bowra, is not only historically valuable, but is also distinguished by its literary grace. Beside notices of new books relating to China and the East, which will be a useful feature of the Review, if carried out with punctuality and detail, we are glad to notice that "Notes" and "Queries" are destined to find a place in its pages also. It is to be hoped that this opening for contributions on Chinese subjects may evoke a similar degree of literary zeal to that which was displayed during the lifetime of its predecessor in the field, and that the China Review may receive the support necessary to insure its continuance. The publication is intended to appear every two months, and will form a substantial octavo magazine."

THE CHINESE MAIL.

This paper is now issued every day. The subscription is fixed at Four Dollars per annum delivered in Hongkong, or Seven Dollars Fifty Cents including postage to Coast ports.

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